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ORTHOGRAPHICAL ADVENTURE. I once went a-riding, although My friends told me not to do sough; As a matter of course

I fell off my hourse, Who left me in tatters and wough. Saw my sorrowing plight as I leigh, Saw my sorrwing plight as I leigh, And said: "You're a muff! But it is rather tuff, So I'll just lift you out of the weigh."

He fitted me into a seat-I was bruised from my head to my feat, I had ruined my clothes, I had broken my nothes;

And truly the cushions were sweat! Then he hustled me over the snow As fast as his horses could gow, And drove me up straight To a doctor's front gaight-"Hi, doc! Here's a vision of wow!"

/ The dector was drinking his tea. But he came and considered of mea: 'He can't use his tongue, And he's spoiled his right longue. And his ribs are not where they should

"There's unusual puffiness here, And his shoulder-blades seem out of gere This ear's coming off, And that singular coff Is rather less pleasant than quere." But he settled my various aches, And he splintered my numerous breaches: And the lesson I learned When my powers retearned

Prevents any future mistaches.

****************** Spiting Aunt Lucretia ‡ **********

RAINY DAY!" "Oh, dear, dear!" Now we can't go into the woods." "So mean to have it rain on Satur-

Ruth and Archie appeared at the breakfast table with faces as cloudy as the day, and complaints which sounded far worse than the gentle patter of the rain.

"No peace in the house to-day." It was Aunt Lucretia who had said this last. It was generally understood in the family that she was always a little better pleased when the children were out of the house than in it. The children especially understood this, and anyone who knows young people will easily guess that it did not make them feel more anxious to be good.

"I am sure," said mamma, looking a little worried, "that they will try to be quiet. They will remember that you do not feel well." Aunt Lucretia shook her head and

looked gloomy. Archie set his lips together with a feeling which mamma "We'll see about that."

After the others had left the breakfast room, Ruth and Archie stood looking out of a window. "Mean old thing!" said Archie, below

his breath. "Who?" asked Ruth.

"Aunt Lucretia." "Archie," exclaimed Ruth, in shocked tone, "I thought you were speaking of one of the boys.' "I wasn't," said Archie. "She is-"

"Don't say it again, Archie," said Ruth, sternly,

"Well, I won't. But I mean it all the same. 'No peace in the house!' Ruth, she'd a great deal rather we were naughty than good!" "Now, Archie!"

"It's so. Don't you know that when we're real good she never takes a bit of notice, and that when we're bad she always does? She enjoys it-just because it gives her a chance to scold." "I'm-afraid you are right, Archie,"

admitted Ruth, after a little consideration of the matter. "Of course I'm right. Say, Ruth,"-

Archie gave a little jump of delight-"let's play a joke on her. "Oh, mamma wouldn't like it."

"A good joke, I mean. There are good jokes and bad jokes, you know. See here, now; Aunt Lucretia thinks we'll be troublesome all day. She thinks we'll growl and grumble at the rain, and tease for things, and make noises, and everything else that's mean. Now let's begin and be just as good as we can to spite her." "Oh!" said Ruth, not able to recon-

cile the goodness with the spite. "Don't you see? She'll be watching all day to see us behaving like torments, and we'll disappoint her." Ruth began to smile. There was

something pleasing in the idea. Certainly, there could be nothing wrong in trying to do their best.

"Let's! We'll do our Monday lessons the first thing, without anybody telling us. Then I'll cut my week's kindling."

"And when I dust the sitting-room I'll dust all the corners." "I won't set Ponto and kitty in a

"And if there's pudding for dinner instead of pie we won't say a word."

"We'll keep it up all day." "We'll be-be-truly virtuous," concluded Ruth, now fully in the spirit of the day's effort, and desiring to ex-

press herself strongly. "If I forget or get tired, you remind me," said Archie. "Just whisper: 'Spite,' and that'll be enough."

The morning's duties done, the two Ruth with some fancy work and Archie reading aloud, mamma looking pleased and tranquil. Presently Aunt Lucretia, looking out of the window, remarked:

"Well, here's an end of the quiet! I knew it couldn't last long." Archie's best friend, Herbert, was

"Say, Archie, come down and play in the creek, can't you? You can put on rubbers and your old coat. 'Tisn't raining much. The water's rushing along like sixty, and we can have a great time building a dam."

Archie sprang up excitedly at the tempting proposal. "Hurrah! That'll be fun! Mamma,

can't I go?" "I'm afraid not," said mamina. "You must choose a dryer day for building venile class.

your dam." Archie burst into a loud remonstrance. Ruth laid her hand on his arm, shaking her head with a meaning said the teacher. glance, which Archie at once understood. The dear little girl did not | hole in the ground," was the prompt relike to whisper the ugly word.

"Well, Bert, we'll do it Monday after

Aunt Lucretia glanced at him in such surprise that Archie clapped his hand to his mouth. As Herbert went out he followed him "Dear me! He's bringing that boy News.

back with him!" remarked Aunt Lu-"Bert's going to stay and play with us," said Archie. "He says he'll stay to dinner, too. We'll go upstairs.

Come on, Ruth!" There was none of the tramping and stamping overhead which, on the occasion of boys' visits, usually made life a burden to the older members of the family.

The dinner manners were a marvel. Archie and Ruth came dangerously near a fit of the giggles in detecting glances of surprise, as Aunt Lucretia took note of the punctilious "Thank you!" and "If you please," with the utter absence of criticism or complaint of their food. But the giggling was as objectionable as any other improper behavior, and was resolutely held

"Can you two play with little Harry for awhile this afternoon?" asked mamma, after Herbert had gone. "I hear that old Mrs. Morrow is ill. and must go and see her." Archie's face clouded

"Can't Jane?" he said. "Jane has her Sunday baking to do." "We wanted to paste pictures this

ifternoon. "I'll see to Harry," said Aunt Lucreia. "Then he won't be teased." -A. B. De Mille, in Youth's Companion. "We'll do it," said Archie, bastily. We'll give him some pictures and let

him paste, too," "He would get the paste all over

simself," objected mamma. "Then we'll do something else," said Archie, bracing himself to it with the entry bookkeeping!" Uncle-"How do reflection that, if ever the "truly virtuous" point could be reached by a boy | buys anything on credit I put down he was reaching it now.

As supper was over, the sun came out with its brightest rays. "It wants to tell us it's sorry it hasn't done better by us to-day," said Archie.

"No; it's promising us nice things for to-morrow," said Ruth. They ran out to the garden, rejoicing in the shining trees and freshly washed

"Look at the beauties!" They came back with their hands full of pansies. "They want to tell you they're glad of the rain, Aunt Lucretia," said Archie, carrying her a share.

"And that they've had a happy day," said Ruth. "We've all had a happy day," said Aunt Lucretia, turning upon him the loving smile which the flower gift had

called to her face. "You have been dear, good children," said mamma.

"Yes, it's they who have made it so," said Aunt Lucretia. "It has been a real comfort to have them at home." A hot flush arose to Archie's face,



BERT'S GOING TO STAY AND PLAY

which said as plainly as possible:

"What are we to do now?" The look which met him was as silent and conscience smitten, then

be good-No, I mean-"

aunt, as he came to a dead stop. "I mean-it was awfully mean, but-

we did it to spite you!" "What have you done to spite me?" asked Aunt Lucretia, gently.

a shame, and we're-" "Sorry," put in Ruth, tearfully,

"That's enough about it," said maming situation. "You are going to try my eyes. We fried the fish the next now how good you can be without any spite along with it."

Just before going to sleep Ruth whispered across from her bed to Archie: "Aunt Lucretia kissed me so hard when she said: 'Good night!' that I

"Don't let's do anything to make her," put in Archie. "And she said: 'You dear little thing! I believe there's some truth in

it!' . What did she mean?" "In our being spiteful, I s'pose," said Archie. "But, I tell you, I don't think were seated in the large sitting-room, it's very much credit to us that she's so astonished when we're good all day." In which Ruth agreed .- Christian

> Register. Gaunt Family Versatile.

The Gaunt family of Australia is distinctly versatile. The father is a Melbourne judge, a daughter Mary is a colonial novelist who has made a considerable reputation in England; a son in the navy, Lieut. Gaunt, distinguished himself during the recent fighting in Samoa, and now comes news that Capt. Cecil Gaunt, another son, attached to of Ladysmith.-Chicago Times-Herald.

Upside Down Rain,

"Can any of you tell me what a fountain is?" asked the teacher of the ju-

"I can," said a little fellow at the pedal extremity of the class, "Well, tell me what a fountain is."

"It's a lot of rain squirted through a ply.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

PITH AND POINT.

Enthusiasm is to a man what powder is to a bullet .- Chicago Daily News. If you want to get into the political 'push," get a "pull." - Indianapolis

When a man reads a letter all through, it is evident that it is either a him.-Atchison Globe.

Papa-"Johnny, you have a very bad a good example." - Philadelphia Rec-

She-"Why does that piano sound first loud and then soft when Miss Wheeler plays it?" He-"Well, you see, she's just learning to ride a bike, and uses both pedals from force of habit." -Indianapolis News. Mabel-"So your mother was mar-

ried again?" Maud-"Yes, thank goodness. You can't think how glad I am to get her comfortably settled. You don't know what a terrible trial she has been to me lately!"-Punch. His Preference .- Mr. Gotrox -- "My

first ancestor, painted by Van Dyke, the great Dutch master." Mr. Selfmade-A good bit of work! But, as for me, now, I always like to patronize local talent when I want a job like that done!"-Puck. The Mystery Solved .- "I think I have

solved the mystery of the Shakespearean plays," remarked Browser. "Well?" asked Keen. "Bacon probably wrote them, but he stole a whole mass of quotations from Shakespeare."-Philadelphia North American. Uncle-"Well, children, what are you

playing now?" Tommy-"We are playing store, and I attend to the doubleyou do that?" Tommy-"If anyone double the amount!"-Fliegende Blaet-

KNOCKED OUT BY A FISH.

It Is Not at All Strange That the Victim of the Assault Was Surprised.

"Persons who have never experienced some seafaring among tropical waters and become to some extent familiarized with the tricks and antics of the flying fish which abound in these waters will be surprised at the velocity they attain in their short flights," said an old sailor to a Washington Star reporter the other day. "The fish will never leave the water unless compelled of effacing the ink of the seal. to do so by their natural enemies, the dolphins, and when they do fly they

shoot through the air like a rocket. "Two years ago, when on a voyage I am not likely to forget, and which made me the subject of considerable merriment among my companions. The majority of them were men who had visited these waters many times with the tricks of the winged fish.

"They prefer flying at night, and it was during the midnight watch that I met with my adventure. The night was one of those balmy evenings peculiar to subtropical waters, seldom one could almost feel its rays. The others equally unscrupulous. breeze had fallen away completely, allowing the sails to flap lazily against the spars in accompaniment to the monotonous squeaking of the vessel as she wallowed lazily in the trough of the long ground swell. As far as eve could reach around the horizon not a ripple was visible on the surface of the sea. The whole watch, with the exception of the man at the wheel and myself, were gathered around the combings of the fore hatch gambling away their tobacco, spinning yarns and smoking. I was seated up on the He gazed at his sister in shame-faced capstan on the 'lookout,' but the somsurprise, mingled with an expression | nolence of the very atmosphere itself kept me in a drowsy state just between waking and sleeping. This, together with the musical chirping of the 'Mothtroubled. For a moment he stood er Carey's chickens' in the fore rigging. proved too much for my feeble efforts burst out, his words tumbling over at wakefulness, and several times I came within an ace of falling over-"O Aunt Lucretia, you mustn't say | board. This continued until near the so. We haven't been trying to be good, | end of my watch, when as I peacefully I mean-we haven't been good just to dozed off I heard a sudden 'swish,' and before I was aware of what had hap-"Well, what do you mean?" said his pened I received a terrific blow between the eyes, the force of which knocked me off the capstan, over the windlass and down among the players. I leaped up, seized a belaying pin and with a string of sulphurous expletives "We've-been good-all day-be- demanded to know who hit me. My ancause we said you'd rather scold us swer was a burst of laughter, and one than be pleased with us. And it was of the men pointed to the topgallant forecastle at a large, flying fish flapping on the deck. It had struck me while passing over the ship and raised ma, coming to put an end to the try- a lump the size of a hen's egg between

morning and breakfasted off it." The Talisman and Western Skeptics shown a "dragon's nest"-which looked like a bit of the horsehair stuffing from fire; and a "female deer's horn," which walk a great distance without fatigue. ing. Not being a landed proprietor or a professional sprinter, I had no use for these things; and, though I entered from Wichita to the penitentiary. On into negotiations with several people | the way down he begged the sheriff to for the talisman which would render me invulnerable, none of them was not able to work in the coal mines." the Fourth Royal Irish dragoon mous sum and a handsome funeral in the coal mines, but be watchman at the them it is believed they would be able

He Had Helped. Mr. Johnson-Want mah daughter, eh? Have yo' prepared a home for her? Young Jackson-Suttinly! I helped her and her mother do de spring housecleanin' here while yo' sneaked away on a fishin' trip!-Puck.

Hard Luck. Some people have good luck they can't boast about-the good luck of not yet being found out .- Atchison Globe,

LOVE LETTER WRITERS.

Strange Occupation of Certain Unscrupulous Persons in the City of Mexico.

Perhaps there is no more characteristic sight in Mexico than the socalled evangelistas who ply their trade in the Plazuela do Belem and the letter making love to him, or roasting Plazuela of Santo Domingo. Those who operate in the former spot make a specialty of writing letters to the habit of talking back. I'll have to stop | inmates of the prison for their illiterthat." Johnny-"That's right. If you ate relatives on the outside; but the stop doin' it yourself, pop, it'll set me | evangelistas who may be seen any day in the Plazuela of Santo Domingo de letters, blackmailing letters and all sorts of letters for those who do not know how to write, at a rate of three, without extra charge to write the address on the envelope and to attach the required stamp, but for the latter they make an extra charge of one cent. It is hardly necessary to state are totally unacquainted even with the simple formalities of mailing a time see and know to-day! letter, in addition to not knowing how to write, have recourse to the evangelistas for stamps.

One of the Santo Domingo evangelthe fact that to defraud the government even out of five cents may be a very serious matter in the eyes of the J. P. Vasquez. His services were en- ment. gaged by Mrs. Inez Hernandez to write a letter to her husband, who is absent from the city. After he had written nandez if she wanted a stamp. On her assenting he attached a five-cent stamp and collected six cents, in addition to his regular charge for writng the letter.

With the addressed and stamped envelope Mrs. Hernandez went to the branch post office in the ex-aduana building and, not knowing in which box to drop it, asked the postal inspector, Manuel Espinosa, who happened to be in the post office, for information on the subject. Mr. Espinosa took the letter to read the address and was about to return it to Mrs. Hernandez, when he noticed that the color of the stamp was extremely By still closer scrutiny he discovered that the stamp had been althat had been applied for the purpose

The inspector asked the Hernandez to Rio Janeiro, I had an experience off she made the purchase. The evan- ony. Then his health became renewed, the Cuban coast with a flying fish that godsta at first denied having sold the and to-day the whole world knows stamp to the woman, but as two other women who had been present testified that they had seen him sell the stamp he was taken to the police station and before, and they were well acquainted a much more serious one than it ap-

pears on the surface. For some time past it had been nocould never be found out by whom. if ever experienced in the north. The It is supposed now that they were full moon was shining so brightly that also sold by the same evangelista or

ENGLISH CHARACTER.

idly Becoming as Volatile

as the French. anxiety, whether it is possible that the materially changing. They are, such of trial came. inquirers say, becoming less grave, less restrained, more like people of | asm, to be so unreasonably angry if | Turks and perished at Missolonghi,

of all foreigners, "took their pleasure | easily to be beaten in what he undersadly." They are extraordinarily takes. ready to go abroad and fight, an inclination they never displayed in the rimean war; they discuss conscrip- right sort of British pluck in them. tion instead of rejecting it summarily; they are interested, like Frenchmen or | matter of will power, after all.

Italians, in a campaign. The difference strikes Americans here, as well as our own people, and has produced such an impression on the continent that men talk of the English The belief in the potency of charms, tion. "Never laugh at us again," say etc., is very widespread among the lower class Chinese and the Shans in parts | bile as we are. Look at the rejoicings | Albany, as a critic of Shakespeare and when she said: 'Good night!' that I of Yunnan. The latter, in particular, over Mafeking. Could we have disdon't believe she means to scold us any have all kinds of amulet to ward off played more abandon or given ourevil, the gem of their collection being | selves away more utterly or for a light- | Gotha, besides being a clever violin one which confers invulnerability ou er reason?" There must be something player, is an enthusiastic postage the wearer. This useful quality may to account for an impression so genalso be obtained, I was informed, by eral and, as the future of the nation press Frederick and Princess Christian undergoing a very painful process of | will be based, as its past has been, upon | tattooing. During my trip I was the national character, it is well worth while to inquire what it all means.

It means, we believe, that the Engder the purchaser's house safe from cans in the readiness with which they express themselves, less inarticulate, would enable the fortunate owner to less frostbound in their display of feel-

> Not So Sickly After All. Last week a negro convict was taken tell the warden that "I am sickly and dat wahden I kin dig fohty tons ob coal

Sass and Sass. "You raise a good deal of garden sass, don't you?" said Jaxon's neighbor to him over the back fence. "I'd raise a good deal more of my wife's sass if I didn't," responded Jaxon without discontinuing his labors .- Detroit Free Press.

corpuses!"-Kansas City Journal.

STRONG BY WILL POWER.

Many of England's Heroes Were Deltcate Ones - Famous Fighters with Weak Physiques.

The soldier is so often looked upon as being the embodiment of strength, health and activity that it may be something new to learn that many celebrated generals have as boys been anything but robust or noted for the virtues just mentioned, says the London Express.

Lord Roberts is the most signal example of this. As a lad he was so delicate that when he went out to India on a general business. They write love his first voyage there as a soldier it was generally supposed by his most intimate friends and relatives that his life would necessarily be short, so pale and six, nine or more cents, according to delicate was he. We have several inthe length of the missive, says the dependent accounts of how the crew of Mexican Herald. They also undertake the ship and some of his messmates pitied the tender-looking young Anglo-Indian and prophesied that an early grave would be his! But the Indian climate, his native cli-

mate, too, set him up, and worked wonthat only very ignorant people, who ders in him. How have these prophets of evil been falsified by what we in our The duke of Wellington was not at all strong when a lad, and his mother was often much concerned about his health.

At Eton he got the reputation of being istas is now in prison meditating over | rather a silent, taciturn, somewhat sullen youth. But it is generally believed new that this was as much due to his delicate health as to any individual law. The name of this evangelista is characteristics of his own tempera-

Arthur Wellesley could not stand the knocking about and rough-and-tumble life that some of his Eton friends enthe letter Vasquez asked Mrs. Her- joyed at that time, and they were not slow to make him aware of the fact.

Rochefort Maguire, whose recent advertures in Kimberley and help to the garrison have made his name more known even than before the siege, was almost "given up" when a boy, so poor was his general health.

His destined career had to be changed for no other reason than that his health would not stand it, and he had to go out to the Cape in order to seek that health which seemed to be denied him in England. Happily he found it there, and found fortune, too, at the same time; so he, at any rate, cannot now moan his fate.

Maguire found at the Cape a man still more influential than he himself was to become, a man who also had had ready canceled and the faintness of to leave England and the prospect of color was due to a chemical treatment | being a clergyman, owing to his weak state of health. This man had once been intended for a parson, like his father, and would have perhaps ended woman from whom she had bought his days as a country vicar had not bad the stamp, and she led him to the health stepped in and made him give stand of the evangelista, from whom up that idea and set out for Cape Col-Cecil Rhodes almost as well as it knows

Rhodes may well be called a "soldier" as regards fighting, for, though not a from there to Baelem. His offense is military man by profession, he was always willing to take any share of fighting that came along his way, and his advice to doubtful Britons during the ticed that letters bearing canceled late crisis in Kimberley, to "be like me stamps have been mailed at the Santo and sit tight," will not be readily for-Domingo branch post office, but it gotten. It was said that Kruger had such an opinion of Cecil Rhodes' fighting powers that he proposed to put him into a cage when Kimberley was taken. but it may be also said that Rhodes would have shown the Boers no small amount of resistance first before he had thus allowed himself to be taken, Our Transatlantic Cousins Are Rap- for he is by instinct a fighting man

to the very hone. Havelock was never very strong, and as a boy was decidedly on the dark side A good many people are asking in of health. Even when a man his pale all sincerity and even with some face was a general subject of remark among his followers. But theyall knew character of the English people is his worth and courage when the time

Perhaps no civilian in this century was more a born fighter than was Lord the southern type. They display their | Byron, had he been able to become a feelings much more, they rush more real soldier, but he was kept back from in crowds, they are more swayed by that by his deformity and by constant rumor, by fear and by emotion. It is | bad health. Yet he went forth manunlike the English, they say, to have | fully to help the Greeks in their strugaken up this war with such enthusi- gles for independence against the

anyone speaks against it, above all to The present kaiser has never been a be so explosive in their gladness at robust man, and as a lad was still more good news, says the London Spectator. | delicate. His deformed arm always The late scene of the sudden descent | gave him much trouble in affecting his of London into the streets in a fit of general health, especially in his wild rejoicing, the protraction of the younger years. But he has, by his display into the next day, and some splendid resolution and care, grown of the features, of the rejoicing itself, out of this constant bad health, and are not in the least like the self-re- to-day he is a fighting man with whom strained people who, by the consent all Europe has to reckon-a man not

So that there is much hope for delicate boys after all, if they have the Health and strength are largely s

Hobbies of Royalty.

All the members of the royal family have certain hobbies. Of china, bronzes and other works of art there is no betas a people changed beyond recogni- ter judge than the prince of Wales; at collector of folios and quartos, was well known. The duke of Saxe-Coburgstamp collector. The powers of Emwith the pen would get them a good living any day; the marchioness of Lorne is as good at painting as at sculpture. while Princess Beatrice is one of the a foreign saddle-guaranteed to ren- lish are becoming more like the Ameri- best amateur actresses. Taken together, the queen's sons and daughters are not wanting in versatility.-Chica go Times-Herald.

Leg-Gyves for Women. The costume of the Pu Yuan Pen-ien women in the Shan states is very striking, consisting of a cloth hood, an open jacket, and a pair of short white trousers reaching barely to the knee. But the most important, though the least willing to stand the test of western | The sheriff promised, and, after seeing | noticeable, part of their costume is skenticism-a revolver at 30 paces- the warden, told the negro that it was their colored cloth gaiters. These the even though I offered them an enor- all fixed; that he was not to work in women are obliged to wear, as without | Chronicle. guards, is among the heroic defenders | case of accident.—Geographical Jour- | dead house instead. "Laws A'mighty!" | to fly away, leaving their husbands and shouted the affrighted negro. "Tell sweethearts sorrowful. This legend recalls a custom of ancient Carthagea day, an' don' let him put me wid dem where the unmarried women wore metal leg-gyves, which were severed only during the marriage ceremony. The Akkas-also a Woni tribe-wear them. It is probably an emblem of some old custom of which the true significance has been forgotten .--Geographical Journal

REPUBLICAN DANGERS.

Set Forth by Temporary Chairman Hurst of the Illinois Democracy.

In his opening address to the Illinois state democratic convention at Springfield June 27 Temporary Chairman E. W. Hurst, of Rock Island county, said: "Since the representatives of our party have assembled in national convention new issues have arisen-issues involving grave questions of right and wrong, great questions of principle, questions affect-ing, in my judgment, the permanency of the republic. These new issues are, however, but the natural outgrowth of the old contest between man and the dollar, between plutocracy and democracy. Our forefathers thought when they abolished entail and provided for the distribution of estates they had erected a bulwark against the money power. They were led by Jefferson and believed with him that in a republic there should be no aristocracy but that of virtue and talent. of expansion before the American people. If Jefferson saw danger to republican It is a misnomer, it is misrepresentation think you, he would say if alive to-day

"The greatest danger which threatens our institutions to-day is to be found New Mexico. But in every instance the in this incoming flood of incorporated treaty provided that the territory was wealth. These vast and powerful inter-ests fully realize that their safety lies the inhabitants were to be citizens of in the continuation of a republican ad- this republic. That was expansion; that ninistration which has failed to enforce the laws now on the statute book or to enact more stringent laws against them, and they will oppose with all their power any change of administration, and unless the mass of the people is aroused to the danger which confronts them the time will soon come when no law will to no such results. President McKinley pass or honor be conferred without the over a year ago asked congress to give consent of these powerful and interested us a standing army, not volunteers, but ombinations, which are speedily becoming the government itself, to the utter subversion of the authority of the people. If you think this an overdrawn picture, look at the republican national convention at Philadelphia last week, where the representatives of these interests named the candidates and dictated the policy, a convention to which the great state of Illinois chose for two of ts delegates the ruling spirits of the barb wire trust, a trust which, to advance the interests of its officers, recently closed down 12 of its factories and,

capital in the form of trusts?

more than 6,000 laboring men of employproperty or property rights. The true emocrat glories in the opportunity for individual advancement under a government such as ours, when rightfully administered, and has only admiration for the man who, asking nothing from his government but equal and exact justice, carves out his own success, be it finan-cial or otherwise. But the true democrat demands that the blessing of government shall fall, like the rain from heaven, on the rich and poor alike and demands that his government shall not grant special privileges to the few.

"The growth of trusts is largely due to the protective tariff laws enacted by the republican party, but, not content with the advantages afforded by control of home markets under republican legislation and influenced by the prospect of profitable trade with the islands wrested from the domination of Spain. these monopolists have inspired the imperial policy of the present administration, the enforcement of which can only be accomplished by revolutionizing our government and substituting the princ ples of our hereditary enemies for the clates. Five score and fourteen years ago our fathers brought forth on this erty and dedicated to the proposition that 'all men are created equal.' Winning their struggle for liberty, they estabthe living embodiment of the gospel of democracy-'a government of the people, for the people and by the people'-a govrnment which has been a beacon light to the people of the world struggling for liberty, and whose influence has liberalized monarchies and limited arbitrary

power all over the world. "There is great danger to the republic n this policy of imperialism-this reaching out for distant islands to be governed as subject provinces. Such a colonial scheme destroyed all hopes of reolonial scheme destroyed all hopes of republicanism in olden times. It can exist Mark Hanna's great slimy hand will n no free country because it uproots and liminates the basis of republican instiutions, that governments derive their ust powers from the consent of the gov-

can people is not the question of expansion of the republic over contiguous territory to which we extend the blessngs of our institutions, a policy which all would gladly welcome if accom-plisted peaceably and honorably. No. the question for your consideration is the question between the republic and the empire, between liberty and slavery, beween the declaration of independence of Washington and Jefferson and the loctrines of George III. and Lord North, and, with a firm reliance in the love of liberty which God has planted in the hearts of the American people, I firmly believe the people will hurl aside those who in the delirium for trade and con-

quest seek to destroy the character of our institutions. "I have every faith that, true to the interests of the people whom you represent, you will formulate a platform reaffirming the great principles of de-mocracy enunciated in the platform of 1896 and protesting against this new and dangerous doctrine of imperialism. I feel sure, too, that in choosing among the different candidates for state offices your of the party and the state.

"In the national campaign upon which we are about to enter the great common people, who constitute the very bone and sinew of the republic, turn their faces with one accord toward one man and ask that he lead them in the political battle for the people's rights. And how wise their choice! "Some one/has said that the story of Napoleon should come from the lips of

a Frenchman, who knows no language rich enough to paint the great captain no marble white enough on which to carve the name of the father of their country. So it seems to me that the task of leading the democratic hosts, of pleading the people's cause and of teaching the gospel of true democracy should be given to that greatest exponent of democratic principles since the day of Jefferson-William Jennings Bryan, of Ne-

Plum Tree Popularity.

Mr. Hanna is respected and revered by he republican party, but he is not its idol. That distinction belongs to Mr. Quay, as was manifest in the enthusiasm which greeted his appearance at mare. Nobody is enthusiastic over it-Philadelphia. Mr. Hanna has skinned the criminal code mighty close, but he naturally fails to envoke that enthusiasm which is elicited by Mr. Quay, who has been under indictment for larceny. When some republican statesman shall arise who has actually served a term in the penitentiary Mr. Quay will, of needed if we adhere to our old Americourse, have to give way. For the present he bears the palm alone .- Chicago

is reported to be the "tip" from the any president seeking reelection has throne room. The trouble is that had to carry in this generation .- Balti-Cuba seems likely to get into the cam- more Sun. paign despite all the efforts of the most devoted courtiers. As the scan-ington till the Philadelphia ratification dal develops it appears that the Neelys meeting is over. Then he will go to similar gaiters, though I do not think and Rathbones-not to mention divers Canton to make speeches to the dummy the same importance is attached to distinguished military gentlemengot everything that wasn't nailed by chartered trains. It promises to be down, and that their successors are the same old '96 programme over again, now drawing the nails. The island would have to be blockaded to keep the scandal quiet.—Chicago Chronicle. bigger.—Kansas City Times.

DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS.

Ex-Gov. Altgeld Gives His Views at the Illinois State Con-

vention. In answer to an uproarious demand for a speech at the Illinois state demo-

cratic convention, Springfield, June 27, ex-Gov. John P. Altgeld said: "In my opinion, the prospects of carrying Illinois this fall are far better than they were in June, 1892. The country is somewhat dazed as yet, but I say to

you that there are several millions of men in the republican party of this country who were with it when it was are not prepared to become criminal in-struments in the hands of Mark Hanna. We have got away from the basic ple of republican government and our people do not yet fully understand it, and then the democracy will carry and rule this country for 50 years to come. Let me say to you there is no question institutions in a landed aristocracy what, think you, he would say if alive to-day at the growing power of combinations of and got Louisiana. We expanded in 1819 and got Florida; we expanded in 1845 and got Texas; we expanded in 1848 and got was growth; that was development; that was statesmanship; that was broadening out the declaration of indepenwas giving more people the benefit of our constitution and of our institutions; it was a blessing to humanity. But course of the administration now looks a standing army of 100,000 men, increasing it from 22,000 to 100,000. Why? Because we were going to embark in the colonial policy with England to govern people by brute force and having therefore a need of the same kind of machinery that they use in Europe to crush

the aspirations of men.
"The time has come when we must have a change in America or republican institutions will be at an end. We find the age calling for manhood, calling for something like Cromwellian policy, callng for men and not for political without any warning whatever, deprived is asking that we step up on high ground and that we deal hones y with all ques-tions. We see the men ho founded the republican party; we see such men as Senator Boutwell, Senator Hoar, ex-Presdent Harrison and Tom Reed and hosts of the great men who made that party calling a halt and saying this policy must be checked or we are destroyed There are hundreds of thousands of men in America who do not agree with us on some economic questions, but they are now coming forward, represented such men as Carl Schurz, and declaring they will support our candidate because they have confidence in his integrity. They have no confidence in the president

ecause he cannot be relied on.
"It is this fact that gives us strength to-day. Do not lose sight of that for one minute. If our great leader had hesitated one moment during the last four years it would have destroyed him and he would no longer be the idol of the American people that he is to to-day. He would no longer command the confidence of those men and he would be looked upon as a politician, which would end his career. If we are true to our colors and principles and stand confidence of the men who differ of November will witness a victory that will not leave seven states in the repub-

"You are going to make a declaration of principles here to-day, but do not for-get that Illinois is looked upon as the bell-wether state of America. What you insert in your platform here is going to be scanned all over this republic. therefore important that you see to it that the democracy of this great state does not flinch. We have a great future. I believe, just as firmly as I see you here, that if we are true to ourselves we will rally to our support not only the enthusiastic young men of our country, but the middle aged also. Do not forcome down upon the whole brood of them and gobble them up. The hope of democracy lies in a different direction In the first place, the great army that ould not be bought in 1896 is still standing and anxious for the fray. Again, our strength lies in the fact that the patriotic ntelligence of America, the men who believe in the declaration of independence, the men who believe in human freedon and equality, these men are all coming toward us. Our strength lies in the dynamic force of proper ideas and in the concentrated power of justice, two forces that have never yet been ar-rested and which have given the world and imperialism, between the doctrines its civilization. These are the two forces upon which we depend, and they are going to give us victory."

Pay the Workers. The only safe way to deal with "workers" who are in politics for what they can make out of it is to pay them outright for their services. It is cheaper, of course, to reward them from the government treasury, but there is too much risk in the operation. Mr. Hanna has learned a lesson on this point from his experience with Rathbone, of Cuban fame. Rathbone was one of Hanna's agents in Ohio in his senatorial fight action will be prompted by a desire to there. President McKinley undertook do that which is for the best interests to pay him by appointing him director of posts. It saved Mr. Hanna from paying Rathbone out of his own pocket, but it has borne hard upon McKinley and upon republican political reputation. Rathbone sought to get what he thought he was entitled to, but he was reckless and unscrupulous and he had no bowels for his party. It will not do at all to put men of his class into positions in the nation's new possessions, where their integrity is to be tested, and it may be fortunate that the warning conveyed in his action has

come so early.-Boston Herald. McKinley a Weak Candidate.

We are satisfied that Mr. McKinley is a weak candidate for reelection. He is not nearly as popular as he was four years ago for reasons that are plain to every student of the situation. His imperial programme is distrusted by his own party and openly opposed by many of its oldest and strongest leaders. His Philippine war is a national nightnot even the soldiers who are in it. Everybody would be glad to see it ended in any honest and rational way. Equally unpopular are Mr. McKinley's greatly enlarged army and navy establishments and his inflated appropriations for armaments which cannot be can ideas and ways-minding our own business and feaving other nations to mind theirs. And the long and varied catalogue of the administration's scan-"Keep Cuba out of the campaign," dals is certainly a load heavier than

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